

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the claim amendments above.

The undersigned thanks the Examiner for the courtesy of the telephone interview of April 4, 2007. Although no agreement was reached at that time, a constructive discussion of the Gibbs reference and Applicant's claim language was had. After further consideration, the amendments presented here are believed to distinguish the material in Gibbs that refers to the set up of a single VCC (through UNI signaling) for carrying the payload (data phase) of multiple AAL2 narrow band calls, where each call is differentiated, within the VCC, by a respective AAL2 CID. In Gibbs, the AAL2 CIDs are signaled using SDP session descriptors, not UNI signaling. Also, as neither Breuckheimer or Caves teach or suggest the manner in which AAL2 calls are signaled as recited in Applicant's amended independent claims, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding art rejections is requested.

CONCLUSION

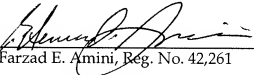
In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending patentably define the subject invention over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, particularly extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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